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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I am one of those mentioned low-volume users. As a single mother of 2 young children, I maintain a pre-paid wireless phone primarily for safety and security. I had a emergency CB prior to the phone.

There are many months where I do not even make a call, and the few times that I have used it have been while travelling with the children. In addition, the only time I have my phone "on" is when I am travelling out of town without my children, so that they can reach me if necessary. Otherwise, it is off and I do not accept calls. It is strictly for emergency purposes, and I believe that in this day and age it is important and prudent to have a cell phone.

Per minute, pre-paid is more expensive than wireless contracts. However, I can maintain an emergency phone without a contract and for a low monthly fee.

Increasing the fees would be completely unfair to everyone, especially to people who have similar situations. Increasing the costs of cell phones would hinder my ability to have this added measure of security.

Please do not increase the fees.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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